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Library of Virginia presents a conversation with Bill Leighty on his new memoir, *Capitol Secrets: Leadership Wisdom from a Lifetime of Public Service*

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RICHMOND, VIRGINIA – On Wednesday, May 3 at 6:00 p.m. the Library of Virginia will present a free talk on *Capitol Secrets: Leadership Wisdom from a Lifetime of Public Service*, a new memoir by William H. "Bill" Leighty, senior strategic advisor to the dean of the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Journalist Zach Cooley will lead Leighty in a conversation about his insider's view of the complex workings of government at a very high level — the Office of the Governor. Leighty served as chief of staff to Governors Mark Warner and Tim Kaine, among other government positions, and his honors include the National Public Service Award and being named one of *Governing Magazine's* Public Officials of the Year.

His book offers behind-the-scenes stories of Capitol Square personalities and happenings (among them a visit from Queen Elizabeth II and drinks with Tom Hanks and Sean Connery) as well as insights into the training and personal commitment it takes to be a successful public servant.

"The extraordinary events in my life — a private audience with the queen of England, dinner with Bill Gates, for example — were only made possible because I chose to be a public servant," writes Leighty. "The most gratifying part of my public service was not the 'superstars' I was fortunate to meet, but rather the many public servants I worked with over the years."

A book signing will follow the talk. For more information about the event, contact Taylor Melton at taylor.melton@lva.virginia.gov or 804.692.3535.

Capitol Secrets | A Conversation with Bill Leighty

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 | 6:00–7:30 p.m. | Free

Place: Lecture Hall, Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219

Limited free parking is available in the deck underneath the Library building.

Registration required: <https://lva-virginia.libcal.com/event/10410110>

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